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AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 19, 2000

MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. CASE NO. PUC000327
and
MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS
OF VIRGINIA, INC.

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSIVE FILINGS

The Commission, having considered the Petition filed herein, is of the opinion that it should be docketed and that Verizon Virginia should be ordered to file its answer and that WORLDCOM should be granted leave to file any appropriate responsive pleadings.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Verizon Virginia Inc. shall file its answer to the Petition on or before January 17, 2001, and serve a copy upon WORLDCOM electronically or by hand, contemporaneous with its filing with the Clerk of the Commission.

(2) WORLDCOM is hereby granted leave to file any appropriate responsive pleading on or before January 29, 2001. WORLDCOM shall serve a copy of its responsive pleading upon Verizon Virginia either electronically or by hand, contemporaneous with its filing with the Clerk of the Commission.

(3) The parties may conduct discovery in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, except that all responses and/or objections shall be served within ten (10) calendar days.

(4) This case is continued generally.